

## GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

May 11, 2015

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Dear Families,

This week we welcome local author April Prince Jones back to Coolidge. On this visit she'll be meeting with our youngest learners, the kindergarteners, to talk about the exciting and challenging aspects of writing. How fortunate we are to have such a great resource so close to home, and a PTO that supports our ongoing commitment to developing academic skills with guidance from experts in the field.

Soon we'll also welcome special visitors to our upper grades, and we're just as excited about this opportunity. Former Coolidge students, now Shrewsbury senior citizens, will share their memories of what their schooling experiences were like "long ago". Our fourth graders will prepare for the visit by developing interview questions. No doubt they'll reflect on the learning and craft meaningful letters, too. Even better, we plan to use the technology tools from Mrs. Weagle's class to capture the visit on video. In this way we hope to create an interactive tool that all our students may eventually enjoy.

Sincerely,

*Amy*

### Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday	May 11 GR 3 PARCC ELA End of Year
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 12 GR 4 PARCC ELA End of Year</b>
Wednesday, Thursday	May 13 & 14 GR 3 PARCC Math End of Year
<b>Monday, Tuesday</b>	<b>May 18 &amp; 19, GR 4 PARCC Math End of Year</b>
Wednesday	May 20 Disc Golf Family Fun Adventure- see FYI for details
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 21 PTO 7 pm in the Media Center</b>
Friday	May 22 last School Store
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 25 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL</b>

### FYI

1. Friendly Reminder: On May 20<sup>th</sup> our PTO will recognize the important contributions of *all* our staff with a special luncheon. In anticipation of celebrating teachers, paraprofessionals, specialists and our talented secretary Mrs. Stacey (Secretary Day fell during vacation) please look for special "thank you" stationery coming home in your child's backpack. It's our hope that you'll encourage your child to take some time to reflect on and write to the educator(s) that make a difference for them.

**2.** In line with continuing the celebration of family fun adventures our Health and PE department is showcasing the district's new disc golf course located between Oak and Sherwood Middle Schools on May 20th from 4 - 6 pm. Disc golf blends Frisbee and golf to create a fun and exciting outdoor activity, and around central Massachusetts, it's a great way to get out in the state's prettiest parks. Ours is the only handicapped accessible course in New England. Please see the attached flyer:

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**FAMILY FUN ADVENTURE**

**Disc Golf Course Grand Opening**

**COME PLAY ON THE NEW Oak/Sherwood**  
**FRISBEE GOLF COURSE**



**WEDNESDAY MAY 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm -6pm**  
**RAIN DATE MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**HIGH SCHOOL/ MIDDLE SCHOOL START 4:00 PM**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL START 5:00 PM**

- Participants will experience the great game of Frisbee Golf on a brand new course at Oak/Sherwood Middle Schools.
  - Please report to the basketball courts behind Sherwood to get your score card, instructions and discs (if needed)
  - Feel free to bring your own discs or Frisbees will be provided by the Physical Education Staff.
  - Participants are asked to bring their own water.
  - Score cards and instructions will be provided.
  - NO sign up necessary just show up and play
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**3. Bus Registration Open with New Incentive:** The annual bus privilege registration opened yesterday, and we already have over 400 registrations! New this year, families who register online and pay (if owed) by the June 1 deadline will be eligible for [rebate and prize drawings](#), including a possible FULL REFUND. Click [here](#) for information or to register.

#### **4. A Note from the Nurse**

I'd like to encourage all our students to drink water throughout the day. Water is one of the body's most essential nutrients. Water impacts every part of our body. It helps keep our body temperature regulated, lubricates our joints and maintains body tissues including our eyes, mouth and nose. The amount of water a child needs depends on many factors such as age, weight, air temperature, activity level and overall health. Adequate water intake has a direct impact on our gastrointestinal tract and can greatly improve things for children prone to constipation. Please help our children make drinking water a regular part of their day.

Thank you,  
Katie Zimmermann

#### **5. Mark your calendars!**

Field Day June 5th

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents, please note: Completion Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 9:30

## ***PTO INFO***

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#### **PTO NEWSFLASH**

**Email:** [ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

**Blog:** <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

**Facebook Group:** "Calvin Coolidge PTO" <http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

**Direct Donation:** <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

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### **1. Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon -Wednesday, May 20th 11:00am-1:15pm**

Each year at Coolidge we like to take the time to thank all of the wonderful teachers and staff that do so much for our children on a daily basis at school. In your child's backpack you should have received a template for your child to create a thank you note or two for their favorite Coolidge staff members. Please have him/her complete and return it to school.

Please also consider helping us with the luncheon by providing beverages, paper goods, a food item and/or your time. A Sign Up Genius has been created for your convenience:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ca5ac2ba13-teachers>

Help before, during and after the event for set up and clean up is also needed. If you are available please contact Sarah Lawlor at [skfols@yahoo.com](mailto:skfols@yahoo.com). Any and all help is appreciated.

**2. Donations Needed-** The Garden Party Committee has asked the PTO and Calvin Coolidge Parents to put together a music themed gift basket to be auctioned off at the Garden Party in June. The basket will have a value of \$250-\$300. 100% of the funds raised from the Garden Party will go to all Shrewsbury Public Schools. We need gift certificates to iTunes or Best Buy. All donated items can be sent to school in student blue folders or dropped off in the main office sent to the attention of Kristie Biando by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping us raise money for our schools. Please contact Kristie Biando at [kbiando74@gmail.com](mailto:kbiando74@gmail.com) with any questions.

**3. We still need a volunteer for the PTO Vice President position.** The Vice President attends PTO Board meetings and PTO general meetings, sharing thoughts and ideas to help plan for the future and address issues that arise. The Vice President also supports the President as needed. This is a terrific way to learn about the PTO without a huge time commitment. You could handle this! Please contact Rachel ([rachelreeve@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelreeve@yahoo.com)) if you are interested.

*To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at [kbiando74@gmail.com](mailto:kbiando74@gmail.com)*

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